

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 24, "Community College Accreditation," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments in Items 2 and 4 conform the rules to 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 470, sections 9 and 6, respectively. The other amendments reflect the new accreditation process being put into place by the Higher Learning Commission, including the phasing out of accreditation by the Program to Evaluate Academic Quality. The Department discussed the amendments with representatives from several stakeholder groups, including the Iowa Association of Community College Presidents (IACCP).

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the December 14, 2011, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 9907B**. Public comments were allowed until 4:30 p.m. on January 3, 2012. A public hearing was held on that date and no persons attended. No written or oral comments were received. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement 2011 Iowa Acts, Senate File 470, sections 6 and 9.

These amendments shall become effective March 28, 2012.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [24.4 to 24.6] is being omitted. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 9907B**, IAB 12/14/11.

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